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SUBJECT: RAJBHANDARI'S WASHINGTON VISIT

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1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR POWER PROJECTS
IN WHICH U.S. COMPANIES HAVE PARTICIPATED MAY BE PASSED
TO SECRETARY RAJBHANDARI:

- (A) BAYANO PROJECT (PANAMA): IBRD FINANCED;
- (B) TAVERNA AND SABENA PROJECTS (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC):
INTER -AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FINANCED;
- (C) AMBUKLAO PROJECT (PHILIPPINES): EX-IM FINANCED.

2. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE, IT IS CLEAR THAT SCOPE
FOR DIRECT U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN WATER AND POWER
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN NEPAL (AS DISTINGUISHED FROM
SALES OF U.S. EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLY OF U.S. CONSTRUCTION
AND OTHER SERVICES) IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. WE STRONGLY
URGE RAJBHANDARI TO DISCUSS THESE PROSPECTS WITH
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OFFICIALS HE WILL BE MEETING HERE BEFORE PLANNING ANY

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL. INGERSOLL

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